



BRUTALLY BEATEN

Two Pawnbrokers Beaten into Insensibility

BOTH ON SAME STREET

Every Available Detective in the Police Department Is Working With Might and Main

MAY BE THE WORK OF MANIAC

Max Hermann, the Victim of Last Night's Assault, Will Probably Recover—Newmann Has a Long Linear Fracture of the Skull.

PORTLAND, May 12.—Murderous assaults on inoffensive proprietors of two second-hand stores in the North End district, of such a brutal character as to cause a wave of horror and throw the police department into a ferment, have been perpetrated during the past 20 hours.

The crimes are either the work of an irresponsible, bloodthirsty maniac or thugs so stepped in crime as to be entirely devoid of any regard for human life and were it not for the fact that the authorities claim to have convincing evidence of Edward H. Martin's guilt, the murder of Nathan Wolff might also be laid at the doors of the unknown assassins.

Max Hermann, proprietor of a junk store at 267 Couch street, was the first victim of the thug or thugs, having been beaten to a pulp at 6 o'clock last night, while waiting upon the fiend. Hermann, although in a critical condition from the blows rained on his head with a blackjack made of the end of a brake rod, has an excellent chance of recovery.

H. Neumann, who conducts a second-hand clothing and furnishing goods store at Second and Couch streets, was attacked in his establishment about 11 o'clock this morning, and so horribly beaten with a gasp, wrapped in a piece of manila wrapping paper, that his life is despaired of.

Both assaults occurred in one of the most densely populated districts of the city, but a block apart, and although the streets at the hour of commission of the crimes are heavily traveled, no one has yet been found by the police who can furnish the slightest clew that would lead to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible.

RECRUITS NUMEROUS.

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POSTOFFICE BILL.

Carries an Appropriations of \$229,072,367.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Senate today passed the postoffice

appropriation bill carrying an aggregate of \$229,072,367. As passed bill allows \$1 per day expense for railway postal clerks when away from the terminals which will incur a total expenditure of about \$1,000,000.

An amendment was adopted by the Senate which provides for the weighing of mails annually instead of every four years and add to the Gallinger provision concerning the improvement of the ocean mail service to the Philippines, China, Japan Australia and Southern American ports.

TWO VARIETIES OF SCHOOLS.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The school board has decided to establish two varieties of schools of New York, schools for incorrigible boys and schools of the deaf. It is expected that both schools will be opened at the beginning of the school year September 1. It is expected that the rule against corporal punishment will be suspended in the case of those scholars who are classed as incorrigible.

AUTHORITIES AND MILITIA.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 12.—Fears were expressed today of trouble between the civil authorities and the militiamen who have been sent by the Governor into counties where night riding has been apprehended. Fifty-five soldiers of the Lexington and Frankfort companies of militia left here today for Maysville, from where it is believed they will go to Bracken County to investigate the night rider troubles. There is much feeling against the soldiers if they attempt to make arrests without warrants. Much indignation has been expressed all over Central Kentucky at the presence of soldiers.

NAVAL BILL PASSED

New Provision Caused a Good Deal of Criticism

THE VOTE WAS 136 TO 24

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WASHINGTON, May 12.—After a debate lasting practically the entire session, the house today by a vote of 136 to 24 agreed to a conference report upon the naval appropriation bill. The insertion of a new provision relating to the increase in pay for the officers and men of the marine corps and navy, drew forth a good deal of criticism of the conferees who were charged with having taken liberties and with having violated the trust reposed in them by the house. Conferees reached a complete agreement and the bill now goes to the president. Considerable interest was manifested on the floor in the announcement that the currency bill would be considered and disposed of on Thursday next.

JUDGMENT CORRECT.

NEW YORK, May 12.—George Dannenberg, who came here last year from the staff of a newspaper in San Francisco as a result of a national competition organized by the Art Students League, justified the judgment of the jury which passed upon his previous work by winning three of the principal prizes and several mentions in the annual competitions of the league, the results of which have just been announced. He took the general scholarship for life painting in the men's class, the general scholarship for illustration drawing and the Wm. T. Evans \$50 prize for the best poster.

ROBBERS' GOOD HAUL

Express Company Lost a Large Sum

ACKNOWLEDGE \$5,000

They Will Not Say What Amount Was Contained in the Package the Thieves Got

REWARD OF \$2500 OFFERED

Western Agent F. S. Clark Was in Consultation With the Pinkerton's Most of the Day—Entire Detective Force Are Working on the Case.

SEATTLE, May 12.—It is now certain that the robbers who held up the Great Northern express messenger this morning got away with more money than was at first thought. It is acknowledged that \$5000 was taken besides the package belonging to the Great Northern which may contain \$10,000 or more. The express officials will not say what amount was contained in the package but that it amounted to considerable was evident from the prompt manner in which General Manager Elliott of the company offered \$2500 for the arrest and conviction of the robbers, F. S. Clark, the general western agent of the company happened to be in the city and took charge of the case. He promptly wired the loss to St. Paul and Mr. Elliott was not long in instructing him to offer a big reward.

Mr. Clark was in consultation with the Pinkerton's and the Great Northern's special agents are working on the case.

IDLE FREIGHT CARS.

An Increase of Over 37,000 in Fortnight Ending April 30.

NEW YORK, May 12.—There was a further increase of idle freight cars in the United States and Canada on April 30. According to the report of the American Railway Association there were 431,338 idle cars, an increase of 37,714 over April 15. The total increase for April was 135,259 cars. Last October there was a shortage of cars amounting to 86,811. Of the 413,338 cars, 147,826 were boxcars; 24,308 were flatcars and 186,726 were coal cars. The report represents 153 railroads, with an aggregate freight car equipment of about 2,200,000. This means that 19 per cent of the country's cars are now stationary.

SEEKING NEW VOICES.

NEW YORK, May 12.—To seek in Europe new voices for the Metropolitan Opera Company, Andreas Dippel, joint manager with Gatti Casazzi of that company's affairs, sails today on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, going first to London, after which he will visit Paris, Berlin, Bayreuth and Munich. Speaking of his intended trip, Mr. Dippel said: "I intend making a thorough search for new voices to be heard in the German operas next season. I am in hope in finding several singers who have never been heard here."

Dr. Carl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Kyle Bellew are among other passengers booked to sail on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

Overcoat Worn by Martin Identified as Belonging to Wolff.

PORTLAND, May 12.—What the police regard as important evidence in the Nathan Wolff murder case was developed today when they asserted that the overcoat worn by E. H. Martin when he was arrested on the charge of killing Wolff belonging to the murdered man. According to the police this overcoat was fully identified by Wolff's widow and by his little daughter. According to the detectives who took the garment to the Wolff home today, the child on sighting the coat exclaimed: "That's papa's overcoat."

Mrs. Wolff, they say verified the child's identification.

The coat, according to the police, was bought by Wolff from a local clothing house for \$20. They say the clerk in the store remembered the incident of selling the garment and the price and that the price corresponds to the amount noted in Wolff's books as having been paid for it.

BERTHS IN THE NAVY.

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"WAS IMPOSSIBLE"

President Gives His Reason for Removing Stewart

REASONS DECLARED TRIVIAL

He Said the "Punishment" Which the President is Meting Out to Colonel Stewart is Unparalleled and in Defiance of Precedent.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator Raynor spoke on his resolution directing the president to order a court of inquiry into the charges against Col. W. F. Stewart, U. S. A., now stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona. Raynor read a letter from the president giving his reason for the action that had been taken against Stewart which the senator declared to be trivial. The president in his letter said Stewart "was impossible" as a commanding officer, mistreating the privates under him, interfering with civilians, and being contentious and incompetent. Raynor declared the charges had never been furnished to an army officer and said the "punishment" which the president is meting out to him is unparalleled and in defiance of precedent. He gave notice he would call up the resolution for action by the senate tomorrow.

Several pension bills were passed and the Senate adjourned.

TEDDY'S FIRST SPEECH.

NEW YORK, May 12.—President Roosevelt made his first speech as a boy 10 years old for the American Seaman's Friend Society. This fact was recalled at the annual meeting of that organization when an autograph was presented by the president to the Society's new Seaman's Institute. The photograph will be framed and hung at the new \$325,000 institute which the society hopes to open this summer at West and Jane streets when more than 7000 sailors arrive each day in the year.

HARMONIOUS CONVENTION

Idaho Republicans Have a Love Feast

DELEGATION OF LAYMEN

Eliminated Governor Gooding, Senators Heyburn and Borah From List of Delegates

ALL VOTES WERE UNANIMOUS

The Platform Avoids All State Issues, Re-affirms Without Qualification the Doctrine of Protection and Instructs Delegates to Support Taft.

SPOKANE, May 12.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Wallace says that the Republicans of Idaho in the state convention today eliminated Governor Gooding and Senators Heyburn and Borah from the list of candidates for delegates to the national convention at Chicago and selection of laymen headed by James H. Brady of Pocatello, the acknowledged head of party machine, and unopposed candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

Delegation is pledged to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Taft for president. The delegates are B. F. O'Neil, Wallace; Warren Truitt, Moscow; C. C. Cavanaugh, Boise; J. W. Hart, Minan, and E. H. Heiho, Weiser.

The convention was entirely harmonious and transacted all its business and listened to four speeches in less than three hours and every action taken was a unanimous vote.

The platform adopted avoids all state issues, endorses the Roosevelt administration, re-affirms without qualification the doctrine of protection commends the state administration and the state's delegation in congress; and instructs the conventions delegates to the national convention to support Taft. A significant feature of the convention was the apparent unanimity of sentiment among the delegates.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS.

The Convention of Royal Neighbors Promises to be Warmly Contested

CHICAGO, May 12.—What promises to be the most warmly contested convention in the history of the Royal Neighbors of America, a woman's insurance society, opened here last night.

Over 300 delegates, representing over 250,000 members in all parts of the country, were present. The chief contest will be over the election of a supreme oracle to succeed Mrs. E. D. Watt, who has held the office for 15 years. The two candidates are Mrs. Lina M. Collins of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. May Fay Hawes of Chicago. Each has a number of delegates pledged but neither has enough to elect and the excitement is intense. The same two factions will contest the election of every officer. A fight is also expected over the proposition to combine in one city the headquarters of the social and beneficiary ranks of the organization which are now located at Peoria and Rock Island, Ill., respectively.

PORTLAND, May 12.—According to information received here from Holland, J. W. Matthews of this city has been appointed Dutch consul for Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

REAL ESTATE MEN AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 12.—A national convention of real estate men opened here today and is scheduled to continue for three days. The gathering was arranged by the Chicago Real Estate Board and its object is the formation of a national organization. The exact form of the proposed association is not yet determined.

NAIL DRIVEN THROUGH HEAD

OSSAWATOMIE, Kas., May 12.—In a storm which blew down her home near here yesterday, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, a widow, and her two-year-old son were killed. The boy was found with a nail driven through his head. Mrs. Johnson's 14-year-old daughter was pinned down by the wreckage and seriously injured. Numerous barns in the vicinity were blown down and much damage is reported in the surrounding villages.

FAVOR MONUMENTS.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A favorable report was made to the House today on Representative Humphreys' bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of monuments along the old Oregon trail. The bill authorizes the employment of a commission to erect the monuments at an annual salary of not over \$2500.

BASEBALL SCORE.

At Portland—Portland 5, Los Angeles 2.
At Seattle—Seattle 2, Spokane 3.
At San Francisco—San Francisco 6, Oakland 2.
At Aberdeen—Aberdeen 2, Vancouver 0.

SHORE FORCES BUSY

Blue Jackets Guests of Honor at a Ball

SOCIETY WOMEN ENTERTAIN

All First-Class Liberty Men and All Petty Officers Were the Guests of Honor and They Enjoyed the Attentions Paid Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The real novelty tonight that marked the fleet entertainment program was the blue-jackets and petty officers were the guests of honor at a reception and ball given in the auditorium under the auspices of the Ladies of Exclusive California Club. Women high in the ranks of San Francisco society danced with the enlisted men and in the two divisions of the grand march that marked the opening of the ball there were a number of the higher officers of the fleet in line with the men. The function was marked by much of the decorative splendor that has characterized the receptions to the officers. All first-class liberty men and all petty officers were the guests of honor and they enjoyed the attentions paid them. Many of the sailors were accompanied by their own best girls and danced with them until well along in the morning. During the day many of the sailors and officers were taken on excursions about the city and adjacent valleys. There were baseball and athletic events and all sorts of attractions to keep the shore forces busy.

SPECIAL AGENTS MEET.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 12.—The National Association of Special Agents met in annual session here today and will continue in session for three days. The association is composed of secret service men of the various railway systems in Canada and the United States and 200 delegates are in the city.